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Wood Furniture Imports Grow 15.7% in 2001 2002

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Report Highlights:

With China leading the roster of key exporters to Japan, Japanese wood furniture imports grew 15.7% in 2001 from the previous year. Overall furniture imports, including steel and wood furniture as well as related accessory parts, also grew 12.8% from the preceding year.

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Japan's Wood furniture imports grew 15.7% in 2001, from the previous year, totaling 190.5 billion Yen (approx. \$1.5 billion). Leading the way were exports from China, which grew 46.3% in 2001, from the previous year, as shown below.

Top-10 Wood Furniture Exporters to Japan in 2001		
Country	Import Value (Million Yen)	% Change (2001/2000)
1) China	50,727	+ 46.3%
2) Thailand	33,845	+ 12.6%
3) Malaysia	21,399	- 1.8%
4) Indonesia	16,869	+ 15.1%
5) Italy	13,627	+ 26.8%
6) Taiwan	13,601	- 8.6%
7) Vietnam	11,517	+ 48.1%
8) U.S.A.	6,895	+ 2.6%
9) Denmark	2,984	+ 13.5%
10) Germany	2,726	+ 34.3%

(Source: Japan customs data)

Reflecting an increased demand for affordable furniture, non-wood furniture imports also grew in 2001, with total furniture imports, including steel and wood-based products as well as their related accessory parts, a record 374 billion Yen (approx. \$3 billion), up 12.8% from the previous year. In addition to China, other ASEAN countries were key Japanese suppliers.

Top-10 Furniture Exporters to Japan in 2001		
Country	Import Value (Million Yen)	% Change (2001/2000)
1) China	92,478	+ 44.7%
2) Taiwan	50,092	- 10.1%
3) U.S.A.	43,058	+ 3.8%
4) Thailand	41,372	+ 5.9%
5) Indonesia	28,035	+ 10.3%

6) Malaysia	26,724	- 1.3%
7) Italy	20,636	+ 19.4%
8) Vietnam	14,407	+ 38.6%
9) Germany	9,519	+ 30.5%
10) Philippines	6,719	- 1.9%

(Source: Japan customs data)

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